# ECOS Meeting Minutes, November 29, 2018 3:00 p.m. UH 221

Call to Order  
Members present: A. Delaney, N. Hinman A. Johnstone, M. Pershouse, T. Manuel, M. Semanoff

Members absent: G. Quintero  
Guests: Ross Best, Cameron Kia-Weix (Kaimin), Keila Szpaller (Missoulian)

* The minutes from 11/1/18 meeting were approved.

## Public Comment - none

## Communication

* Chair Semanoff provided an update on the Board of Regents meeting. At its breakfast meeting with the Regents MUSFAR discussed how student success could be defined for performance based funding. There are lots of stories behind the numbers. Deputy Commissioner Broch Tessman is interested in developing a framework for tracking high impact practices.   
    
  The Governor’s proposed budget was released the Thursday of the meeting. It has support for the MUS system. Members of the business community (Grant Kier, Tom Stergios, Christine Littig) advocating for partnerships spoke to removing barriers to enhance the University’s position. They will be invited to meet with ECOS in the spring.   
    
  Chair Semanoff and Chair-elect Pershouse attended a meeting with the UFA on Tuesday to discuss the OPM. The UFA is concerned about how quick the timeline is moving and has questions about what exactly the OPM will provide. Chair Semanoff met with Provost Harbor yesterday to discuss the concerns. The Provost anticipates having a contract in place early spring and a separate review committee to fast track the programs. The RFP is not yet ready to go out. There needs to be a discussion of how the OPM will contribute to the mission and strategic priorities. There are still lots of questions.
* Robert Squires –Online Program Management (OPM) Committee joined ECOS to discuss the work of the Committee. The RFP addresses the key areas of services the company will provide. Faculty input is important in creating the RFP so that elements of concern are addressed.   
  The Committee will decide which company offers the best opportunity for UM. Procedures for

for vetting faculty will not change. The company may offer instructional design, market analysis, recruiting and admission services. The services are designed to facilitate access. The students experience will be directly with UM. The Faculty will still have control of the curriculum. Current assessment and evaluation procedures and unit standards would remain the same. Programs will have the choice to participate or not. The company would make a substantial investment to help build programs and reach a different audience. This would provide UM with the ability to scale-up its offerings and outreach. The contract would negotiate the cost share terms for paying off the investment and could allow other MUS campuses to enter into the contract. There are approximately 5-6 major companies and 15-20 small companies that offer unbundled services.

The Committee will review and update the the current Online Course Policy. The Provost’s Office is working on communication and an FAQs document. ECOS recommended that he prepare a context document listing Committee members, a proposed timeline and links to informative resources be posted to the Faculty Senate agenda prior to the meeting.   
  
Ross Best commented that the Committee Meetings should be open to the public.

* James Randall, General Education Committee Chair joined ECOS (4:15p.m.)to discuss his strategy for the Senate meeting. The survey results were mixed and the committee feels it is premature to vote on the draft UM Core Pilot. The Committee needs more time to make adjustments to the current draft (incremental approach to gen ed reform) and offer a more radical model. He hopes more details will be available for the January Faculty Senate meeting.   
    
  The current focus on student credit hour inhibits innovative change because departments are afraid of losing SCH from their popular general education courses. There is a possibility that the GLI framework could be adopted for component of the pilot. However, it is clear that there is interest in revamping the first-year experience for freshman and transfer students. It may be that there is not one course that works for all students. The GLI seminars are very popular and could be incorporated into the gen ed curriculum.

## Business items:

* ECOS briefly discussed the opposition statement to white nationalist activities on Montana Campuses.  Faculty and members of the campus community will be given the opportunity to sign on to the statement. Chair Semanoff will send the updated language to Camie for posting.
* ECOS is in favor of allowing units to submit curriculum forms this spring to implement the staffing plans. The deadline was set for January 30. 2018.
* Committee nominations
  + Search Committee for Dean of the College of Education and Human Services – David Erickson, T&L (Senator)
  + Task Force to upgrade course and faculty evaluation system (2)– Yolanda Reimer, Comp Sci (Senator), Michelle Boller, MC (Senator), Sean Clouse – MIS (Senator), Mark Hebblewhite-Forestry (Senator) -- Names sent to Provost’s Office-
  + Search Committee for Director of Business Services-Betsy Bach, Communication Studies
* The draft Faculty Senate agenda was approved with minor adjustments.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

## Faculty Senate Agenda

### Public Comment

Not to exceed 10 minutes

### Communications

* President Seth Bodnar
* Robert Squires – OPM Committee Update
* UFA Vice President ~~Paul Haber~~ Megan Stark
* ASUM President Alex Butler
* Chair’s Report
  + ~~Bannon Opposition~~ Statement Supporting Free Speech, Civil Discourse, and Inclusivity on the Occasion of Steve Bannon's presence on the UM Campus
  + Spring Curriculum Review Deadline
  + ~~Priority for Action Updates~~

### Committee Reports

* ASCRC Chair Marc Hendrix
  + Curriculum Consent Agenda
  + Update to Service Learning Course descriptions
  + Re-title Policy 202.50.5 to Intermediate Writing Exemption Appeal Guideline
  + New policy 202.50.6 Advanced Writing Substitution Guidelines
* Graduate Council Member Sandy Ross
  + [Curriculum consent agenda](http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/curriculum/approved/grad_council/GradConsent10-11-18.pdf)
* General Education Committee Chair James Randall
  + Draft UM Core Pilot / Survey Results

### Old Business (postponed from November)

* New Centers:
  + Center for Population Health Research
  + MT Youth Sports Safety Institute
  + Water Institute
* Center Title Change - Rural Institute Name Change
* Center Termination - IERS

### Good and Welfare

### Adjournment